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                         LR 101

PRESIDENT ROBAK:     Thank you, Senator McKenzie.     I raise the call. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK:     Madam President, Enrollment and Review reports (LB) 874, (LB) 173, (LB) 66, (LB) 851, (LB) 274, (LB) 303, (LB) 197, and (LB) 49 to Select File. (Journal also shows LB 856 placed on Select File.) Education Committee reports (LB) 419 to General File, and LB 126, (LB) 157, (LB) 205, (LB) 446, indefinitely postponed. Natural Resources reports (LB) 499 to General File with amendments. Madam President, LR 101 is ready for your signature. That's all that I have. Thanks. (See pages 1316-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK:     While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 101. We turn now to LB 485.

SENATOR HUDKINS:     Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. In the usual case, if there is a crime committed, it's very simple. The crime is committed, hopefully there is an arrest made, there's a charge, and then the case goes to court, no problem. But in another kind of a case there could be a problem, and that is if the person who is accused of the crime, by order of the judge, is found incompetent to stand trial. In that case, the person would be sent to the Regional Center for treatment to help that person regain the competency to stand trial. A little case of history. There was a case in York County, a man murdered his wife. He was charged, he was found incompetent, he was sent to the Regional Center. And York County was paying all of the maintenance costs while he was in the Regional Center. While he was there the man murdered his roommate. And now, since that crime was charged in Lancaster County, the maintenance costs are being paid for by Lancaster County. That's why this bill was introduced. Hopefully, LB 485 will be a third time is a charm. This same concept was introduced and passed by the Legislature in both 1987 and 1996, and it was then subsequently vetoed by the Governor. But we have been in the process of having hearing...meetings with what was then called the Department of Public Institutions, the Lancaster County Attorney, and the Public Defender, Douglas and Hall Counties, the Governor's Office, Sarpy County, and others to see if we could put this bill into a shape that would be